GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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NON-UTILISATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BY POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited have not fully utilized the foreign assistance for generating power;

(b) if so, the amount of funds received by the said corporation as foreign assistance including World Bank aid and the extent to which it was utilized;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for properly utilizing the foreign assistance for the purpose; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty officials for not utilizing the fund properly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : POWERGRID has been availing financial assistance from various financial institutions including World Bank and Asian Development Bank for implementation of various transmission projects. POWERGRID has contracted Rs.6036.6 crores of loan from various international institutions for its on- going projects. The Corporation has so far drawn Rs.3818.39 crores of loan from these institutions. POWERGRID takes appropriate steps for utilisation of the foreign assistance effectively and judiciously. Whenever any savings were anticipated in utilisation of the sanctioned loan due to reduction in scope of work, reduction in project cost in comparison to the cost estimates or large rupee devaluation, attempts were made to accommodate additional transmission projects with the agreement of the financial institution concerned, in order to optimally utilize the loan. In the case of on-going World Bank loan, POWERGRID assessed a surplus of US$ 115 million on account of the aforesaid reasons and the same was surrendered in time to reduce commitment charges.